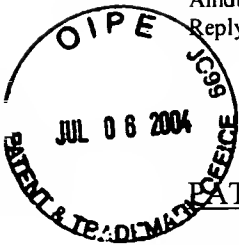


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 5, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.